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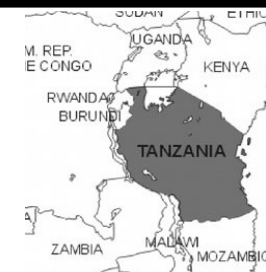
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We have made a change in our format for our newsletters. Starting this month we are going to be sending out a combined monthly newsletter from Randy Gray, Chris Raynor, and Bill Stinson. Some months we will be including articles from Tam and Cyndi also. We are hoping that this will improve our communication with our supporters giving everyone that supports the Chimala Mission work a better idea of what is going on in all of the different areas work.

Greetings from Randy Gray

Motherhood is highly valued in Tanzania. After a woman has a child, she is called Mama followed by her child's name. For example, my wife would be called Mama Erik. The woman who works for the Stinsons and who has been trying to fatten me up is Mama Betty. With that background, allow me to share a story about two Christian women, Mama Faith and Mama Mary, who exemplified their names.

Last Sunday evening, Mama Faith and Mama Mary, visited the worship service at Chose A. They had walked at least 4 miles to join us for worship and we were so glad they did because they had very encouraging news to share. Their home congregation has in place a visitation program that sends members out in pairs to make home visits and to knock on doors. During the day, Mama Faith and Mama Mary had walked miles to make contact with their five assigned individuals. As a result of their efforts and the power of the Gospel, four women who had been out of duty said they would be back in worship services at Chosi A the following Sunday morning to request prayers and be restored back into full fellowship. Mama Faith and Mama Mary spent the afternoon in Bible study with the fifth person they visited. This woman wants to be baptized as soon as she recovers from her illness. The ladies were very excited about the results of the day and so were we! We did give them a ride back home on our way to the mission. We figured they had walked enough for one day.

Consider how they exemplified their names. Mama Faith was not content to just be called "Faith" but demonstrated the power of her faith by her actions (James 2:14-26). Mama Mary demonstrated the same spirit as the mother of Jesus when she said, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said" (Luke 1:18). We wear the name "Christian." Are our actions consistent with that name?

In His service,
 Randy Gray

If you would like for me to come speak about the work in Chimala to your congregation., please contact me by phone (817-467-0375) or by email at chimalarandy@att.net.

Bill & Cyndi's Report

Cyndi and I are back in the states for the time being and Randy is in Tanzania helping out Chris with the work on that side. I am very appreciative of Randy's willingness to fill in for us during this time of our family emergency. Cyndi's mom continues to have some major health problems both physically and mentally. We are in the middle of some major decisions that will affect her parent's future and possibly ours. During this time our daughter has been diagnosed with colon cancer and it looks like she will be having some major surgery soon. All of this has us praying a lot and we ask that you remember us and our family in your prayers. Specifically for better health for Cyndi's mom and our daughter and wisdom for us as we make some major decisions during the upcoming weeks.

We are staying busy trying to do the work of the stateside coordinator while Randy is over there helping us out. We are working on getting a container shipped and getting things ready for some of the groups that will be traveling to Chimala this summer. We are blessed to have different groups such as the Harding group that will work with our hospital and the group from Pleasant Ridge that is coming to help share the good news of Christ with people in the Chimala area. We also have a group of 3 couples that are coming to see the Chimala work and observe what we are doing. They are interested in doing a similar type work (with the schools) in Uganda. May, June, and July will be busy months traveling back and forth to Dar, but we are happy that people are willing to come to Chimala and give of their time.

Our hospital continues to do a great job in serving the people in our area, but it also continues to struggle to survive because of the problems that the Tanzanian government has created. Our hospital administrator is spending a whole week in the capital city of Dodoma trying to get some of these issues resolved. The government realizes that they have caused some of these problems and are trying to figure out how to resolve them, but they seem to struggle when it comes to solutions. The way you can help is with both financial help and with the devotion of doctors, nurses, and hospital administrators that would be willing to come to our hospital and serve. Having American personnel at the hospital makes a huge difference in the quality of care and the income of the hospital. The people know that when there are American doctors and nurses there, they will receive better care.

We continue to get closer to opening the secondary school. I will complete two more buildings when I get back and we will be ready. I hired our new headmaster before I left and he starts work this next month. He will be finishing registration work on the school and hiring our teaching staff during the upcoming months. This is another area that we could really use help. If you are a teacher that is qualified to teach high school level math, science, English, and/or computer skills, we could really use you. The secondary school will be taught completely in English and having American teachers is very much the same as having American doctors and nurses, the people know that they receive a superior education with American teachers and will come from all over to attend our school. This is a great opportunity to influence some young men and women in how to be a good Christian, which is the importance of giving of one's self so others can improve their lives. If someone is interested you can contact either me or Randy Gray.

We had planned to ship a container very soon using the Department of Defense program, but just recently found out they have a long back log of people waiting on containers. So, it looks like we need to go ahead and ship a container at our own expense. We **need to raise** somewhere between **\$15,000-\$20,000** to cover the **cost of shipping**. We have many things that people have been generous enough to donate to the work that are badly needed at the mission. Getting this container there will be very helpful for the work.

In next month's letter we will be talking about the upcoming summer campaigns and seminars. We also give some more focus on the Bible schools and the great works that are going there.

In His Service,
Bill and Cyndi Stinson

Chris & Tam's Report

It is raining monkey's and bush babies (cats and dogs). We have a good storm going through at this time, making life interesting. We are doing good. Randy Gray is here working with us and adjusting well with the mission way of life. Randy is one of the elders with New York Avenue church of Christ in Arlington and he is the stateside coordinator. He's here filling in for Bill Stinson while Bill is in the States taking care of family emergencies. I've enjoyed Randy's company, working with him and getting to know him. Jennifer, Randy's wife, in case you are reading this, Randy is doing fine.

CSOP is still running smoothly into the second quarter. Nothing big in the news to report at this time. Chimala Bible College just finished some short courses with the American teachers from the Bear Valley School of Preaching. One of the teachers, Howell Ferguson, had to cut his trip short because of the death of his father. The other teacher visiting, Denny Landon, and I rushed Howell to Dar es Salaam to catch an emergency flight home and we returned the next day. We were tired because it was a long, fast trip. The Bible College's second quarter will start on the 30th of this month with the addition of a new teacher, Peter Kamatula (Spelling??). He's coming from Mbeya and he graduated from the Arusha School of Preaching which is run by Bear Valley. I will be teaching church History this quarter and I'm looking forward to teaching this subject for the first time.

The evangelism team is still going strong. We all participated in a Friendship Day this past Saturday in Manyolo, east of here. This was Randy's first seminar to teach in and his topic was What is Worship. It was his first time to eat food in the village, as well. I also taught a lesson entitled The Meaning of Christianity and Xavery, my translator, taught a lesson called Preventing Conflicts in the Church. We had a good number of people who attended the lectureship. No one could get the right number of people. I estimated 40+ Adults which is great for a bush village.

Tam began her teaching again at the primary school. She's teaching the 7th and 6th graders how to use money. They call it "budgeting." She is enjoying it and it's only her first week. She's still teaching a Sunday afternoon children's bible class at the mission church.

We've been having a regular power outage this year, especially just after dark until about 10:30 at night. It seems to happen three to four days a week. I have to go to the shop and turn on the generator and then later, turn it off, because we need security lights around the mission and the hospital needs lighting. Sometimes the power does not come back on and we have the next day without power. That happened four days in a row last week. One Sunday morning, Randy and I were up the road worshipping with a congregation and Tam called and said there was not power and someone needed emergency surgery at the hospital, so we rushed back to the mission to turn on the generator. We didn't miss the main worship services, only the exciting announcements at the end. That's all I have for now. Life can be pretty exciting here at times. I ask you all to keep Bill and Cyndi Stinson in your prayers at this time, and also pray for Randy since he's away from his family. Tam and I both thank you for your prayers and support and may God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,
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